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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Problem

1. To determine the final disposition of USSBS files.

Facts and Discussion

2. Mr. D'Olier and Comdr. Richard Reeve informally contacted Admiral Souers with the suggestion that, as the completion of the Survey was scheduled for April 1 or very soon thereafter, and a decision must be made as to the final disposition of USSBS files, the C.I.G. appeared to be the agency best fitted to inspect the files to determine

- a. what material should be retained, and
 - b. where ~~that~~ should be located in order to retain necessary security and to insure necessary future distribution and availability to those agencies entitled to access to it.

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3. [REDACTED] interviewed Comdr. Reeve and his library assistants, with the following results:

- a. There is a large mass of reports and source material at Gravelly Point. Much can be discarded.
 - b. Comdr. Reeve states that USSBS will furnish one officer and 6 enlisted men until 30 June 1946, to assist in screening operations. *Time limit may possibly be extended if necessary.*
 - c. Before any intelligent efforts to solve the problem could begin, an inventory of the material contained in the multitude of boxes and filing cabinets is necessary. This index is being prepared by the USSBS librarian and copies have been promised to [REDACTED] in Room 5104.

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- d. Copies of the Directives for both European and Japanese surveys as well as partial inventories of both have been furnished to date.

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4. Comdr. Hunsberger, Office of Research and Intelligence (Japan Branch) in the State Department called [REDACTED] to suggest State library as a logical location for the USSBS files. He verbally guaranteed free access to any agency entitled to use material. State's chief interest is in economic studies or source material. Chief arguments for possession are

- a. need in determining reparations

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- b. contribution made by OR&I in preparation. OR&I was formerly part of OSS.

Comdr. Hunsberger was assured that State's interest in this material would be investigated thoroughly prior to disposition. USSBS has already turned over part of file to State. This was stated by Comdr. Hunsberger. What part and the final location of this part should be borne in mind in conducting the survey.

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5. [REDACTED] suggested Col. Hopkins, G-2, as a valuable consultant with reference to USSBS activities.

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TAB REFERENCES

TAB A Presidential Directive 9 September 1944
TAB B Presidential Directive 15 August 1945
TAB C Inventory European Survey Material
TAB D Inventory Japanese Survey Material
TAB E Personnel References

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